



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Mint Harvest Begins

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from six degrees below normal to seven degrees above normal for the week. Significant precipitation was recorded in the South-Central and East districts. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, cutting alfalfa, applying pesticides and harvesting small grains.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 5% very short, 19% short, 74% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Most cereal grain progress is behind average according to reports from University of Idaho Extension educators. Rain slowed harvest in the East and South-Central districts but was welcomed by many dry land cereal grain producers. Favorable harvest conditions were reported in Nez Perce County where small grain harvesting has started. One percent of the potato crop's vines have died or been killed suggesting that potato harvest should start soon. At the state level, first and second cutting of alfalfa are trailing behind last year's estimate and their five-year average. Mint harvest has begun but is behind average.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	4	18	63	14
Spring Wheat	--	1	8	81	10
Barley	--	3	10	66	21
Potato	--	--	8	79	13
Range and Pasture	--	7	12	62	19
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	1	33	66

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	1	2	5
Spring Wheat Turning Color	63	63	81
Barley Turning Color	69	67	84
Winter Wheat Turning Color	97	95	98
Oats Harvested for Grain	--	27	21
Dry Peas Harvested	6	7	27
Lentils Harvested	--	3	10
Mint 1 st Cutting	5	9	43

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Winter Wheat Harvested	5	14	31	38	58	70	20	25	46	--	5	24	8	16	34
Spring Wheat Harvested	--	--	4	3	32	42	3	3	12	--	--	5	--	2	7
Barley Harvested	--	--	7	39	50	63	5	3	21	--	9	6	2	7	11
Alfalfa															
Second Cutting.....	45	42	60	90	98	97	85	74	90	44	64	58	65	75	76
Third Cutting.....	--	--	--	6	29	30	--	29	34	--	--	3	2	17	20

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 7, 2011 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	87	52	71	0	0.00	-0.25	12.96	3.77	2023	989	-356
Grangeville	91	52	73	6	0.12	-0.09	17.23	4.67	1929	941	-50
Lewiston	96	58	78	3	0.00	-0.14	7.89	2.30	2818	1484	-324
Porthill	90	50	69	4	0.09	-0.15	9.62	1.91	1994	943	-159
Winchester	84	45	65	3	0.00	-0.28	14.53	2.22	1435	589	-60
Southwest											
Boise	95	57	77	3	0.01	-0.06	7.54	2.70	2666	1420	-334
Emmett	98	60	79	7	0.00	-0.07	7.97	3.24	2572	1393	-319
Glenns Ferry	98	53	77	5	0.00	-0.07	7.68	3.97	2646	1489	-224
Grandview	95	49	74	-1	0.01	-0.02	4.63	1.54	2701	1459	-488
Nampa	92	57	76	3	0.00	-0.07	4.52	0.43	2630	1434	-359
Parma	96	56	77	5	0.00	-0.09	5.19	0.77	2739	1488	-202
South Central											
Fairfield	87	42	65	-2	0.11	-0.03	4.67	-0.73	1586	716	-229
Malta	91	46	69	-2	0.32	0.11	6.66	0.95	2074	1052	-260
Picabo	88	49	69	2	0.56	0.49	6.07	1.13	1887	955	-68
Rupert	89	50	70	-1	0.16	0.09	5.02	0.82	2129	1086	-271
Twin Falls	89	55	72	4	0.15	0.08	6.10	1.82	2329	1244	-58
East											
Aberdeen	87	49	68	0	0.25	0.13	3.39	-1.00	2051	1049	-102
Ashton	82	46	63	-2	1.34	1.13	9.52	0.95	1591	715	-156
Fort Hall	89	48	69	-2	1.47	1.33	8.81	3.15	2078	1053	-241
Idaho Falls	88	48	67	-3	0.98	0.84	5.75	0.54	2167	1124	-87
Lava Hot Springs	87	50	68	-2	1.51	1.37	13.25	7.59	1928	992	-302
Monteview	85	43	63	-6	0.20	0.05	3.87	-1.11	1737	806	-355
Preston	88	51	70	-2	0.68	0.47	11.48	4.56	2206	1177	-168
Rexburg	85	42	64	-2	0.84	0.70	7.74	1.35	1768	806	-126

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.